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1840-1850/1870's

938-900 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

With the exception of the large, early twentieth century department store occupying the north-west corner of Charles and Hamburg Streets (930-938 S. Charles St.), the houses located along this side of the 900 block of S. Charles St. are all three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices, except for 900 S. Charles St., which has a gable roof, and 902 S. Charles St. which is three stories plus an attic story in height, with a gable roof. All of the houses are two bays wide, except for 912 and 900 S. Charles St., which are three bays wide. The houses were originally built in the 1840's with gable roofs but were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style with shed roof and bracketed cornices. Most of the houses have always served a mixed commercial/residential function, with the first floor area serving as a storefront and the upper floors serving as a residence. The group of houses extending from 914 to 922 S. Charles St. are currently in a state of some deterioration.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

912 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

☒ COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick house with shed roof and modillion cornice originally had a gable roof and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. The first floor has been converted into a store-front.

The house is three stories in height, 20' wide, and occupies a lot 66' deep. The house occupies the north-west corner of Charles and Wheeling Streets and extends back along Wheeling St. for two bays. There is a two story high, four bay deep rear addition and a two story high, one bay deep frame addition, making a total of seven bays along Wheeling St. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of plain modillions set above a row of smaller plain modillions. Two carved end brackets connect the cornice to a brick lower molding strip. A late Victorian. metal and brick cornice runs along the Wheeling St. facade. There are two hooded chimneys along the south side of the main house and another hooded chimney at the north end of the rear addition.

The second and third floor window openings have flat wood lintels and wood sills. The window openings along Wheeling St. have common arch lintels. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 sash. The first floor has been converted into a store-front with a recessed late Victorian glass and panel door beneath a single light transom set to the left of a two-sided projecting shop window, consisting of plate glass panels set on a stone base. The original cornice that must have extended across the store-front has been covered with a modern, high, rectangular, flat sign area, bordered in aluminum.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1835-40 (original) / enl. 1840¹ BUILDER/ARCHITECT John G. Kriel

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a fairly large group of houses built in the 1840's and 1850's as gable-roofed houses in the area immediately surrounding the Cross St. Market, to serve as combination residential/commercial structures, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the front gable roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern bracketed cornice added. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the floors above. The houses were probably originally two stories plus an attic story in height.

This house, along with neighboring houses extending along this side of Charles St. to Henrietta St., was built by John G. Kriel, a butcher and victualler whose place of business and residence was located at the corner of Charles and Henrietta Streets from the early 1830's until his death in about 1840¹. The houses he built along Charles St. were sold by the administrator of his estate in 1840 at public sale to a variety of individual owners. This particular house was sold for \$1250 to a John Doberer, a tavern keeper on Lexington Ave.¹

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 326, Folio 420; Baltimore City Directory, 1845, 1849-50

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

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Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

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CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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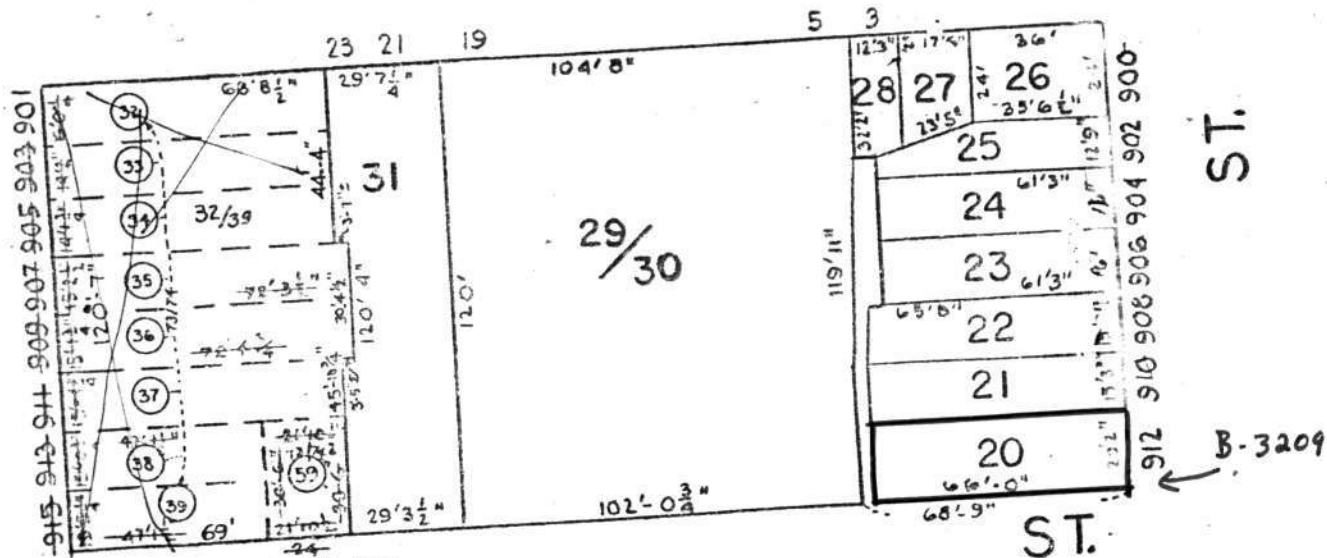
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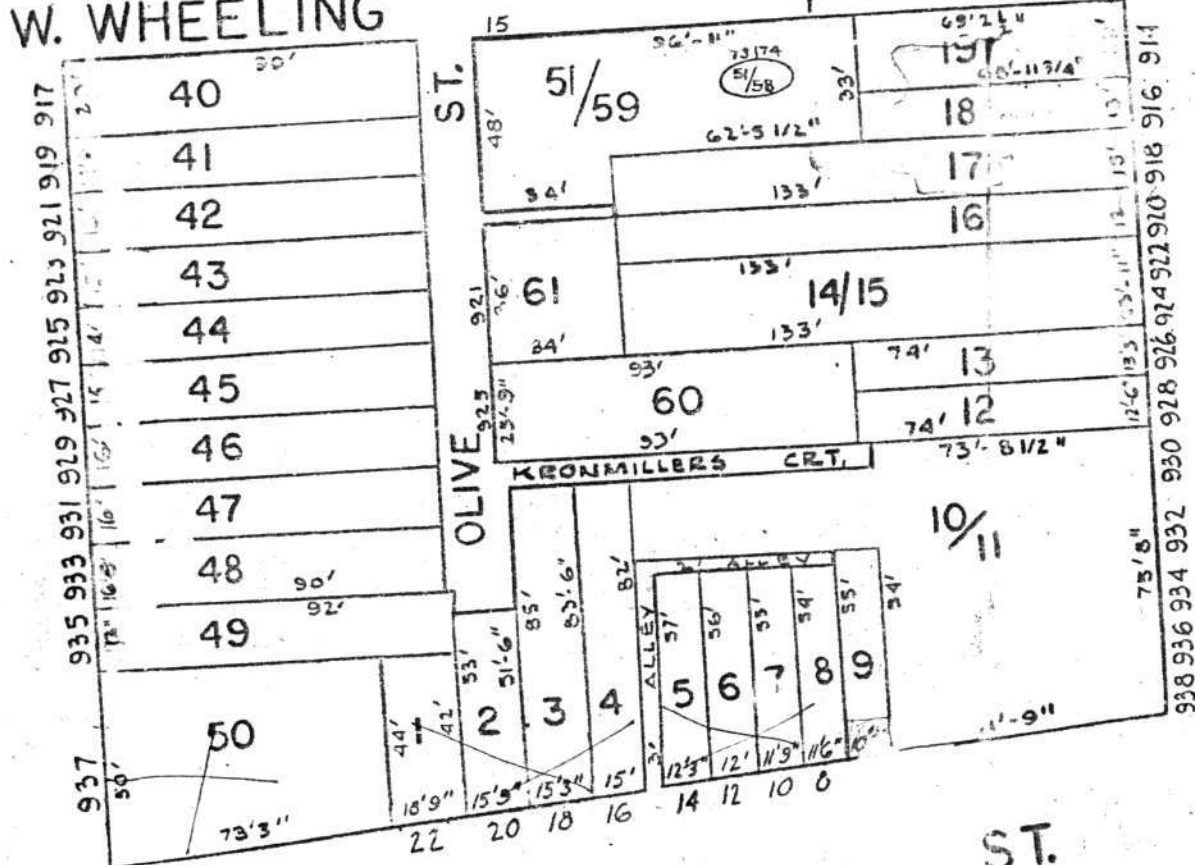
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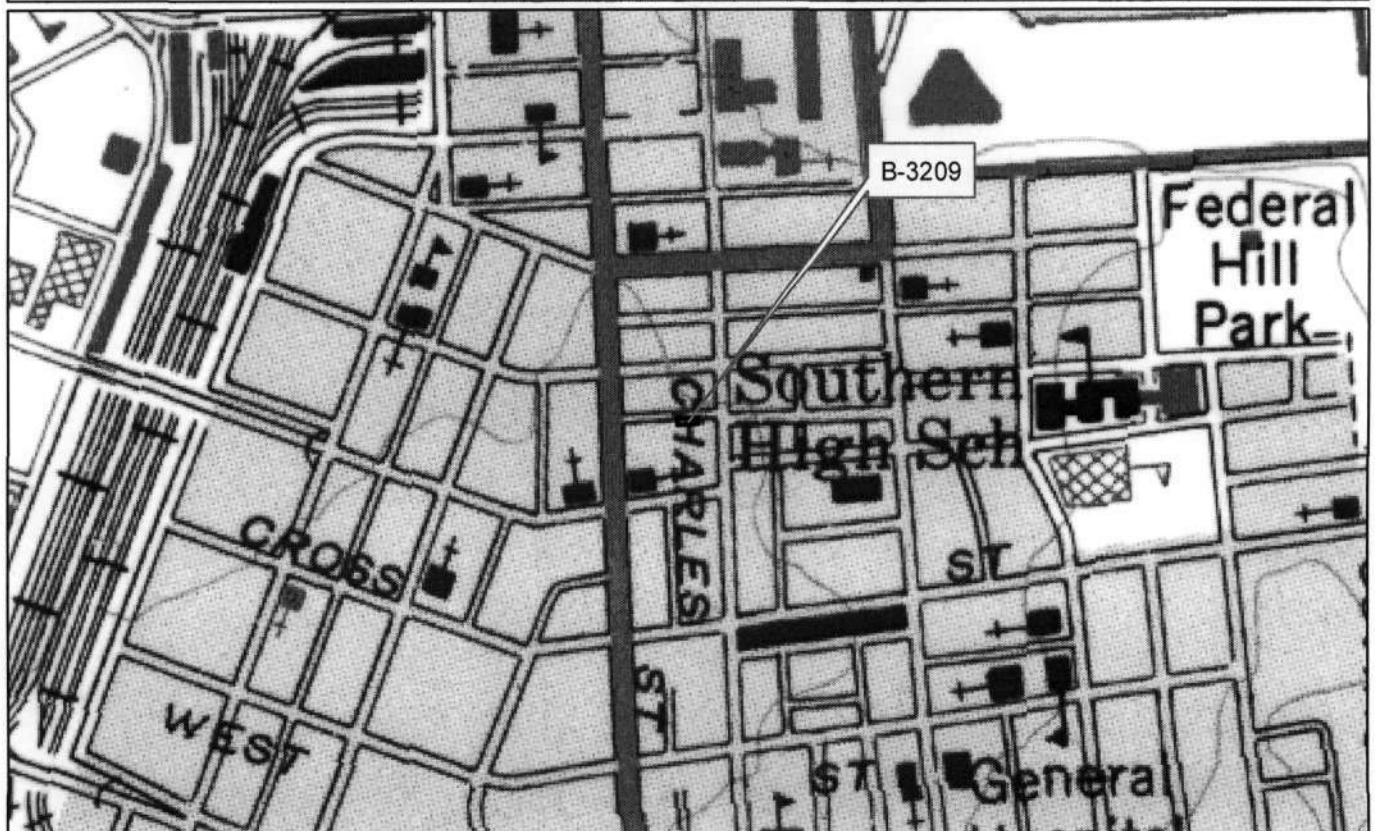
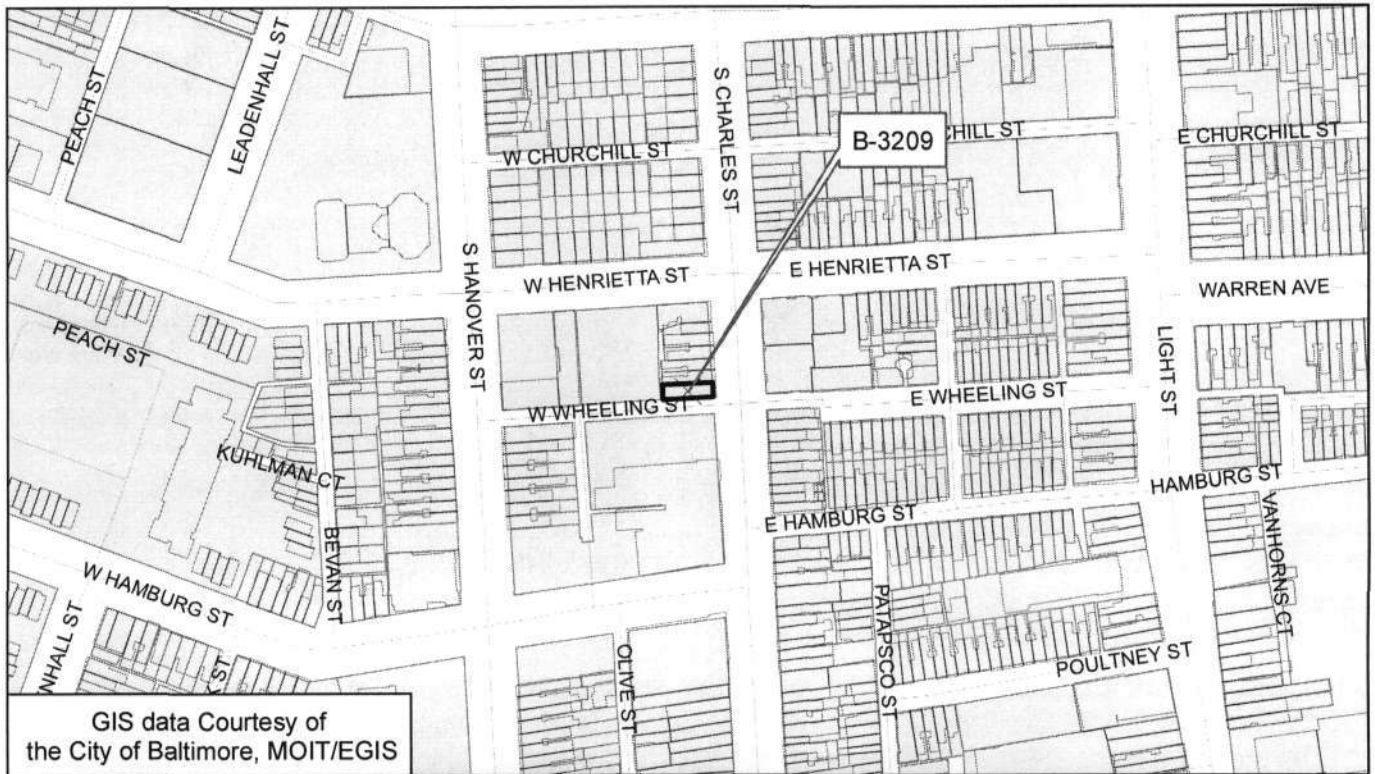
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912 S. Charles St.

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East elevation